

health care professional chosen by the parent or person standing in parental relation to the student, provided that the health care professional is:

- (1) appropriately licensed in this state; and
- (2) authorized to administer and interpret electrocardiograms under the health care professional's scope of practice, as established by the health care professional's Texas licensing act.

(c) The University Interscholastic League shall adopt rules as necessary to administer this section.

(d) The rules adopted under Subsection (c) must include:

- (1) criteria under which a school district may request an exemption from the requirements of Subsection (a);
- (2) variances that allow for a delay of the implementation of the requirement to notify students of the option to request an electrocardiogram under this section;
- (3) procedures to ensure students receiving the required annual physical examination are notified of the option to request an electrocardiogram; and
- (4) provisions to ensure that the requirements under this section are minimum standards that provide a school district with the option to implement a program that exceeds the standards required by this section.

(e) This section does not create a cause of action or liability or a standard of care, obligation, or duty that provides a basis for a cause of action or liability against a health care professional described by Subsection (b), the University

1 Interscholastic League, a school district, or a district officer or
2 employee for:

3 (1) the injury or death of a student participating in
4 or practicing for an athletic activity sponsored or sanctioned by
5 the University Interscholastic League based on or in connection
6 with the administration or interpretation of or reliance on an
7 electrocardiogram; or

8 (2) the content or distribution of the information
9 required under Subsection (a) or the failure to distribute the
10 required information under this section.

11 SECTION 2. This Act applies beginning with the 2019-2020
12 school year.

13 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
14 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
15 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
16 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
17 Act takes effect September 1, 2019.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 76 was passed by the House on March 26, 2019, by the following vote: Yeas 145, Nays 0, 1 present, not voting; and that the House concurred in Senate amendments to H.B. No. 76 on May 23, 2019, by the following vote: Yeas 139, Nays 0, 1 present, not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 76 was passed by the Senate, with amendments, on May 20, 2019, by the following vote: Yeas 20, Nays 11.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _____

Date

Governor